

department where he has served with distinction. During his tenure, he married Cheryl and together they are raising their son, Kevin.

While with the El Cerrito Police Department Kenneth served in a number of different roles. He worked as a Major Crime Scene Evidence Technician; a Field Training Officer and a Forensic Detective. He also served as a Narcotics/Intelligence Officer where he notably participated in the state wide marijuana eradication programs in the summers of 1984 and 1985. Having performed these duties with great technical competence, efficiency and distinction, Kenneth was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1991 and to Detective Sergeant in 1995.

After his many years of dedicated service, Kenneth was promoted to the rank of Commander in 1997. As Police Commander of the El Cerrito Police Department, Kenneth has served his community with great dedication and pride and upon the occasion of his retirement is deserving of special recognition and the highest commendation.

Mr. Speaker, I take great pride and pleasure in drawing special public attention to Commander Kenneth S. Mosby and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

#### EMERGENCY FUNDING IN H.R. 4745

### HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, section 402 of House Concurrent Resolution 95, the congressional budget resolution for fiscal year 2006, requires a statement to be published in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD explaining how the funding contained in H.R. 4745, (making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for the Small Business Administration's disaster loan program, which will be considered in the House today, meets the criteria of emergency funding specified in such section.

Funding for the Small Business Administration's disaster loan program is provided in response to essential, urgent, and compelling needs resulting from the extreme natural disasters that occurred in the Gulf of Mexico region in calendar year 2005. Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma resulted in the most expensive natural disasters ever to strike the U.S., and their scope and cost were completely unforeseen. The emergency funds provided in H.R. 4745 are justified under the criteria outlined in H. Con. Res. 95.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained yesterday and missed Roll Call votes No. 8 and No. 9. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 8 and "aye" on Roll Call vote No. 9.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JIM GIBBONS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to explain how I would have voted on February 14, 2006 during Rollcall votes No. 8 and No. 9 during the second session of the 109th Congress. The first vote was for H. Con. Res. 322—Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the contribution of the USO to the morale and welfare of our servicemen and women of our armed forces and their families, the second was S. 1989—Holly A. Charette Post Office Designation Act.

If I had been present, I would have voted "yea" on these rollcall votes.

#### IN SUPPORT OF THE CANINE VOLUNTEER PROTECTION ACT OF 2006

### HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Canine Volunteer Protection Act of 2006. I do so because I am an advocate of protecting our service animals while they perform their duties.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, there were reports of first responders having difficulty working with local authorities. In some instances their dogs were threatened and their handlers were harassed as these first responders bravely carried out their duties. It was because of these reports, Mr. Speaker, that a constituent of mine, Ms. Amy Stegal of Stafford Springs, CT, contacted me and asked that we provide protection for these invaluable canine rescuers.

Ms. Stegal is affiliated with Connecticut Canine Search and Rescue, CCSAR. This important organization was incorporated in 1994 as a volunteer, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing a professional team response to all emergency service agency requests for lost, missing or drowned persons; advancing education in search and rescue procedures; and offering support for families of lost and missing persons.

Mr. Speaker, these dogs and their handlers heroically volunteer their time and expertise in times of natural disaster, yet they are not protected by Federal law. The Canine Volunteer Protection Act would give members of volunteer canine search and rescue teams, such as CCSAR members, the same protections current law gives other law enforcement animals. This includes both a monetary fine and/or imprisonment of those persons who willfully and maliciously harm any search and rescue dog.

I urge my colleagues to support this measure to protect search and rescue teams as they selflessly perform their rescue missions. I thank Ms. Stegal of Stafford Springs for bringing this important issue to my attention.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the votes on Wednesday, February 8, 2006, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall Vote 7: I would have voted in favor of the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4297, the Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act. I strongly support the extension of the "patch" for the Alternative Minimum Tax, AMT, which helps middle income taxpayers who are being unfairly drawn into paying higher taxes.

Rollcall Vote 6: I would have voted in favor of H. Res. 657, honoring the contributions of Catholic schools.

Rollcall Vote 5: I would have voted in favor of H. Res. 670, congratulating the National Football League champion Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XL.

Had I been present for the votes on Wednesday, February 1, 2006, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall Vote 4: I would have voted against H. Res. 653, providing for consideration of the budget reconciliation bill for fiscal year 2006, S. 1932. I strongly oppose the Republican budget reconciliation.

Rollcall Vote 3: I would have voted in favor of H. Res. 648, to eliminate floor privileges and access to Member exercise facilities for registered lobbyists who are former Members of officers of the House.

Rollcall Vote 2: I would have voted against the ruling of the chair on the McDermott point of order stating that the provisions of H. Res. 653 violate the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 by imposing an unfunded mandate.

#### TRIBUTE TO SHEPARD KING

### HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the late Shepard King, a remarkable man with tremendous talent, energy and generosity whose many contributions to our entire South Florida community comprise an enduring and lasting legacy that will be with us for many years to come.

Shepard King was a doer and an achiever. He was co-chair of the National Tax, Trusts & Estates Practice at the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, one of Florida's most successful and influential firms. He served as a President of the Miami Chapter of the American Jewish Committee, AJC, and strongly believed in its mission. Additionally, Shep served as a Director of the Miami-Dade County Bar Association; an Adjunct Faculty Member in the Masters in Taxation Program of the UM School of Law; a Member of the American College of Tax Counsel; the Executive Council, Tax Section of The Florida Bar; the Law Revision Council of Florida; the Board of Directors, the Greater Miami Jewish Federation; co-founder, the Family Business Institute at Florida International University and Hands Across the Campus; and Chairman, South Florida Conference on Soviet Jewry.